

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title insert the following:

This is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/IB2003/002682, filed on 07 July 2003.

On page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 8 as follows:

US 2,593,396 ~~2,593,936~~ describes a process for fixing on a glass surface a gelatine layer that is provided with a photographically or typographically produced image pattern. In particular, a goal of the known process is to provide a glass tabletop with a decorative image pattern, wherein the latter shall be fixed so that it will not readily be scratched or damaged by humidity. For this purpose, the glass surface to be coated with the image pattern is initially provided with a plurality of small recesses; this can be achieved, for example, by covering the surface with a grid-shaped mask and etching with hydrofluoric acid. The gelatine layer having the image pattern is soaked in a heated liquid resin adhesive and then laid on the preconditioned glass surface and pressed against it. Finally, the whole assembly is heated in order to harden the resin adhesive. In order to achieve a pleasing result, the dimensions of the recesses formed into the glass surface are chosen so that upon looking at the image pattern through the glass no noticeable image deformation is evident. Nevertheless, the glass surface cannot be made as smooth as would be desirable for aesthetic reasons.

On page 11, replace the heading on line 1 with the following heading:

Abstract